The Actor in the Original French of Edmond Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac" -The Actress to a Dramatic Version of Paul Leicester Ford's "Janice Meredith."

A curious kind of qualified success was gamed with a new venture at Wallack's Theatre last night. Mary Mannering gave her personal charm to the heroine of "Janice Meredith," and the character had been rewritten for the stage with some facility by Paul Leicester Ford and Edward E Rose from Mr Ford's novel. But the rest of the play was poor material for theatrical use and unworthy of the prosperity which, under the helpful conditions, it seemed likely to

It is easy to say of Miss Mannering, and quite true, that she is no great actress, that she is not uncommonly accomplished, and even that her most striking merit as an artist is the negative one of inoffensiveness. But she never fails to interest an audience, or the greater portion of it. It was always so during her service with the Lyceum com-Whether the rôle assigned to her was big, little, good, bad or indifferent, she focussed all eyes upon herself while in sight.

The critics never said that her perform ances were either brilliant or duil, because they were always middling in skill. The most frequent adjective in her scrapbook of notices was "sweet," and that is the word to be applied to her now again. It was her sweetness that threw a considerable part of last night's audience into ecstasies of enthusiasm. The house seemed to be filled chiefly by her ardent advocates. Their demonstrations were frequent and furious, beginning upon sight of her, and lasting faithfully to a final turmoil at the end of

The entrance by Miss Monnering as the Colonial maiden, a rebel daughter of a Tory father, comm nded admiration at once. She came through a flower garden, parting the gay hollyhocks, and thus disclosing herself in a captivatingly pictorial way. She was a smiling, cheerful, very animate creature. She took a hand at the dasher of a churn, cajoled some British dandies, teased a brawny lover, stole a coat containing important documents, and sent a captain patriot on his way to Gen. Washington, all in the first act just outside her father's house

She further served the Continental cause in the living room of that supposedly loyal home during the second act, and at the headquarters of a Hessian commander during the third act, by wheedling British officers, helping their prisoners to escape, and forwarding a message enabling Washington's army to successfully cross the Delaware. She was at Yorktown on the day of Cornwallis's surrender, in the fourth act, to narrowly escape abduction by an amatory villain, to get agreeably rid of a lovelorn though honest bore, and to betroth herself happily to the gallant soldier of her choice.

These incidents in the Revolutionary girl's wartime experience were turned to account in the exploitation of Miss Mannering as a star actress. The reguish pranks, the sentimental coquetries. The patriotic tricks and the courageous feats were much to the liking of the noisy majority in the assemblage. But there was a quieter minority which regarded them as overacted by Miss Mannering. whose vivacity was unduly strenuous, so that she lost her accustomed grace of movement and melody of voice. She had given up nicety and gone in for activity.

Not less positive than the popular value at which Miss Mannering seemed to be held was the undeniable worthlessness of the drama. There was no room for difference of opinion about that. Hardly any of the plays scissored and pasted from novels had been worse. It presented no complication of plot, yet it was a jumble. Nothing noteworthy was said, yet there was a vast amount of talk. Nothing consequential was done, yet there was almost incessant turbulence.

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Aside from Janice there was no distinct characterization, and even she was not a creation marked by sufficient peculiarity to make her memorable. She had lost most of her girlishness in getting out of the trinted pages, and become fresh in the colloquial meaning of the word. Part of this deterioration was due to the maturity and affectation of the actress, but a thoroughly ingenuous impersonation would not have rendered this heroine altogether engaging—that is to say, to a normally considerate audience, which the one at Wallack's was not.

The company contained good actors, such as Robert Drouet and Burr Melntosh, but the order of the stage director must have been to play with might and main, because the physical and vocal violence was astonishing. The piece was treated like a melodrama in a ten-to-thirty-cent theatre. Miss Mannering led her companions at the top of her voice, and with a rushing about that made some of her doings look like a foot race. There was laughter at some of the junctures meant to be very serious, but the applause drowned it out, and it was a boom night for Mary Mannering. drowned it out, and it was Mary Mannering.

A combination of interests made an occasion at the Garden Theatre last night, and brought forth a brilliant audience. "Cyrano de Bergerac" was acted for the first time n America in the original French verse of Edmond Rostand, and Constant Coqueling acquainted us with the performance that had gloriously crowned his career as the foremost actor of this time in France. These two facts would have been enough to call forth the culture and fashion of any capital of the world, but New York got more. Sarah Bernhardt appeared for the first time anywhere as Rozane.

Mr. Rostand's tragic poem is familiar to only a small portion of our reading public in its orginal form. It requires a poet to translate poem, and such a man has never written "Cyrano de Bergerac" in English verse. Of the numerous translations into our tongue some are acceptable, but a better German version by Ludwig Fulda has been acted here. But "Cyrano de Bergerac" is immeasurably creater in the words of Mr. Rostand. He would have received an ovation had he been within call of last night's highly appreciative

Constant Coquelin's acting of Cyrana

s world famous. No greater praise of it could be written than that it is worthy of its reputation. The assumption of the character is so different that only an actor of fine appreciation can even realize it. Sir Henry Irving has modestly estimated himself incompetent to undertake t. Mr. Coquelin stirred last night's audince to an exceptional degree of enthusiasm. Mr. Coquelin carried all the scenes, even the most intricate, with a subtlety of exnever been so fully manifested in another part by him on our stage. His quick changes of feeling and his assumed aspects, which with wonderful cleverness. In the long speeches, which, if spoken by less than a genius, become tedious his masterly elocution

covered a breaking heart, were depicted held the audience attentive until he finished speaking. It encouraged him with applause tasm that had partially vented itself frequently broke out in a great roar, and Mr. Coquelin had to speak his thanks.

The interest naturally excited by the first appearance in any role of an actress of Sarah Bernhardt's eminence was heightened by speculative curlosity. No one had found anything in the part of Hoxane to suppose it was intended to be other than subsidiary. That was the idea that readers of the play had formed, and no actress had done anything to change it. When Mr. Coquelin produced "Cyrano de Bergerae" in Paris a quiet, unobtrusive actress acted Rozane, and Richard Mansfield thought so limie of the r le that he ut an unknown woman in it. the r le that he ut an unknown woman in it. Augustin Daly, in his English arrangement of the tragedy, found it becessary to mangle the text in order to make Rozane worthy in his opinion of Ada Rehan's talents. This was the part that hiss Bernhardt was to act for the first time, and curiosity was only natural. Would she force herself into undue prominence? Would she guletly take her place in the background as her predecessors had done? Or would she throw some new light on the character; discover some beauty or denth that no one had found in it?

What the famous traggedienne did was to show conclusively how great an artiste she was. Evidently seeing as others had done no more in Rorane than a lovesick, frivolous girl, made the woman by grief, and at all times dramatically subservient to Cyrano, she so illustrated her. No player of the part has been more gentle and unassuming. Miss Bernhardt did not look the innocent and young girl, but she acted her truthfully. When she talked with Cyrano of her love for Christian, she was impetuous and youthfully enthusiastic. When she was with her lover she was maidenly modest and clinging.

When she saw him dead on the battlefield she was heartrending and momentarily thrilling in her sudden grief. Finally, in her later years of lonely widowhood, she was sweetly sad in her socrow. Almost the greatest note she struck in the performance was her heart-broken horror when she realized even as he was dying, that it was Cyrano whom she had really loved, and that their two lives had been wasted in profitless devices and no understanding of one another. At the end of the play both actors were called time and time again before the curtain, and cheered and applauded in a rict of enthusiasm.

Yesterday's showing of Jean Marcel's "living rictures" at Proctor's Fifth Avenue was a distinct improvement upon the exhibits of this character that were made in continuous shows and music halls several years ago. The importation had had much service abroad, critical direction had done Away with many of the faults seen previously. and the models had been finely trained to steadiness, a lack of which in many previous essays had proven almost disastrous. The subjects copied were paintings and statuary. not more than seven persons being posed in any one group. This smallness of numhers relieved those in which nudeness was counterfeited of the grossness that had cheractorized many earlier essays, the remarkable steadiness of the posers counting to the same When pictures were copied, the posers stood before a painted background, before which, too, were some accessories represented in the original. Thus in "The Angelus"

the barrow and its burden were between the devout figures and the painted canvas, and the discarded fork at one side also was and the discarded fork at one side also was real. The harmony of coloring between all these items was admirable and seemed away beyond what had been effected heretofore. The counterfeited groups of statuary were even more remarkable. The posers were against a white background that gave them more or less support and were otherwise so arranged that the fault of shakiness was not present in these groups. Perhaps, too, the training of the models accounted for some of it. Certainly some of the poses seemed very difficult to hold for the half minute demanded. An instance was "The First Funeral." Of the three figures in this two were standing, and the man of this pair supported the third in his arms. Though the supporting figure was brawny, the attitude seemed a difficult one, yet wavering was not noticeable. In two of these groups resort was had to proof that living flesh, not marble, was being employed. That is, just before the group was to be shut from view, the poses were given up and those concerned in them str ightened up and bowed formally. To the experienced observer of similar displays this was more shocking than the counterfeited nudity.

The first performance in a regular way of Ramsay Morris's "Madge Smith, Attorney." was given by May Irwin and her company at the Bijou last night. But the new farce had been rehearsed publicly at a matinée, and so fully reviewed that no further critical attention need be given to it. The company whose home is at the Empire came as far into town as the Harlem Opera House. The play was "Lord and Lady . lgy," the uncommonly witty and sentimental comedy in which some of the Frohman actors are famously clever. well-known melodrama, "Hands Across the Sea," was revived at the American, and an equally remembered comedy, "The Grey Mare," at the Murray Hill. Andrew Mack had a rousing reception at the Grand Operan House, where he was again the singing Irish hero in "The Rebel." The other shift gave "The Merry Tramps," with Franz Ebert and

hero in "The Rebel." The other shift gave "The Merry Tramps," with Franz Ebert and other Liliputians at the Star, "An African King" at the Metropolis and "The Heart of Chicago": the Tuiri Avenue.

Final fortnights were begun last night by Jerome Sykes in "Foxy Quiller" at the Broadway, Peter F. Dailey in "Hodge, Podge & Co." at the Madison Square, the Liebler company in "Lost River" at the Fourteenth Street, and the Agousts in "Star and Garter" at the Victoria. The Strollers will repeat "The Cruise of the Summer Girl" at the Waldorf-Astoria on two afternoons and three evenings this week.

The plays that are to last the year out with us include "Monte Cristo" at the Academy of Music, "Richard Carvel" at the Empire, "The Man of Forty" at Daiv's, "L'Aiclon" at the Knickerbocker, "A Royal Family" at the Lyceum, "The Gay Lord Quex" at the Criterion, "The Sprightly Romance of Marsac" at the Republic, "Sweet Anne Page" at the Manhattan, "Mistress Nell" at the Savoy, "David Harum" at the Garrick, "Florodora" at the Casino, "Arizona" at the Herald Square and "Fiddle-dee-dee" at Weber & Fields's.

The average ability among the vaude-ville contributors was good. The ranking ones for Proctor's 125th Street were Le Roy and Clayton, Cotton and Long, Goldin and the Lukenses, while McIntyre and Heath, Ellisabeth Murray, Ed Lateil and Mark Sullivan had headline rank at Proctor's Palace. John W. Albaugh was the central figure in the short play of the bill at Proctor's Tuenty third Street, and Louise Gunning, George Evans and the Dumonds were some of the specialists. A short farce for Milton Nobles and specialties for the Johnsons, Charles Coburn and the Russell Brothers were items of the bill at Proctor's Fifth Avenue.

At Keith's the leading performers were J. E. Dodson, Jess Dandy, the Rossows and Hallen and Fuller. Beatrice Moreland had

Holiday Sale of Blankets & Comforters.

Tuesday, Dec. 11th. White Blankets. \$2.50 to \$12.50 per pair. For Full Size Beds, \$2.25 to \$15.00 per pair.

For Extra Size Beds. \$5.00 to \$25.00 per pair.

Cotton Comforters, full size, fine quality, \$1.50 each. Down and

Wool Comforters, variety of coverings.

New importation of Italian Silk Blankets, exclusive styles.

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DIAMONDS

a new short farce at Pastor's, where Lavender and Thomson and James Richmond Glenroy were specialists.

An interesting new series of motion pictures at the Eden Musée showed a stag hunt. First came the start of the hunters, then a view of close pursuit as the stag forded a stream and last the killing of the animal by hounds.

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A pleasing music hall bill was provided at Koster & Bial's, Pauline Hall, the Potters, Ezra Kendall and Caicedo being among those retained. The Hopkins troupe of specialists held Hurtig & Seamon's. Ernest Roeber and female burlesquers tenanted the Dewey. Violet Friend is the recruit at the New York for this week. She is a vocalist from the London music halls and her topical dittes are topical. She wears fine costumes and many diamonds.

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The Strollers will give a professional matinee of "The Cruise of the Summer Girl" at the Waldorf-Astoria. Some of the prominent players who have promised to attend are May Irwin, Sarah Bernhardt, Constant Coquelin, John Hare, Irene Vanbrugh, Henrietta Crosman, William H. Crane and other American actors.

DR. WIGHTMAN LEAVES MINISTRY. Presbytery Allows Him to Go Out and En-

gage in Business Pursuits. At vesterday's meeting of the New York Presbytery the Rev. Dr Richard R. Wight-man, pastor of Christ Church, applied for permission to demit the ministry, it being his intention to go into business. Dr. Wightman said he still desired to preach as a layman, which right the Presbyterian Church does not recognize. Dr. G. W. F. Birch asked why he didn't become an evangelist and preserve his connection with Presbytery.

why he didn't become an evangelist and preserve his connection with Presbytery. Dr. Wightman looked annoyed and said that he didn't want to have any connection with Presbytery by a clergyman and a business and the same time. Said he. It was then voted to dismiss him.

It is said to ten is intention to join another denomination as a layman. Dr. Wightman's application was filed before the last meeting and there has been criticism of his action in appearing at that meeting and voting for creed revision when he had made up his mind to leave the Church. At the meeting vesiered on account of a mass not discovered units several days after the meeting. The corrected vote shows that the conservatives had a majority of three without the Moderator casting his vote as such. The vote as corrected stands 75 to 72.

The Rev. Ernest F. Hall, who was recently appointed assistant pastor of the Fith Avenue Church, was received vesterday from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the livery of Aberdeen in an overture which was read proposed that the Confession of Faith should be Rnewn as a Pan-Pre byterian Confession of Faith, No action was taken on it is synosed to celebrate the naw centure by raising a fund of \$20. the Presbytery appointed a committee vesterday to assume charge of the Rev. Ernest of the Presbytery appointed a committee vesterday to assume charge of the movement in New York. Dr. Purves of the Fith Avenue Church is a decided that the claim adorted, by which it is reprosed to celebrate the naw centure which was read proposed that the Confession of Faith should be drawn up for all the Presbyterian clurches in the world to be known as a Pan-Pre byterian confession of Faith. No action was taken on it is not proposed to celebrate the naw centure which was read proposed that the Confession of Faith should be drawn up for all the Presbyterian clurches in the world the

SEARCH WARRANTS FOR VENISON. Long Island Game Protector After a Deer Killed Out of Season.

BAY SHORE, L. I., Dec. 10 .- Five search warrants have been issued to J. E. Overton of Port Jefferson by Justice of the Peace Carlton E. Brewster. Overton is a game protector. He wants to search the houses of five families in Islip and East Islip for parts of a deer said to have been killed on W. Bayard Cutting's place at Oakdale on Dec. 6.

W. Bayard Cutting said last night that he had heard nothing of the alleged illegal killing of game on his place at Oakdale. He said that as he understood the game laws of the present season they made it illegal to kill deer in Suffolk county except on Wednes-days and Fridays of the first two weeks in November.

CORESPONDENT DISCREDITED.

Justice Marean Dismisses Dr. Gluck's Suit for an Absolute Divorce.

Mrs. Dora Gluck was defendant in a suit for absolute divorce brought by Dr. Samuel Gluck, of 200 Middleton street, which was tried before Supreme Court Justice Marean in Brooklyn yesterday. The physician's witness was John Boemerwald, who testifled that he made the acquaintance of Mrs. Gluck on a street in Manhattan and became intimate with her, not knowing until some time afterward that she was the wife of his old school chum, Dr. Gluck. He testified that after his discovery he feit sorry and that he went to Dr. Gluck and told him all about

"I must say that I do not credit that story," said Justice Marean, when Boemerwald had made his statement: "it looks too much like collusion between the plaintiff and the witness. I'll dismiss the complaint."

Mrs. Gluck was surrounded by a number of rejoicing friends when she reached the corridor of the Court House after the dismissal of the suit.

Appendicitis in a Six-Weeks Old Child. YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 10 .- The six-weeksold daughter of Anthony Fisher of 175 Willow street died yesterday afternoon from what was at first thought to have been calomel poisoning. It was found by Coroner Schaf-meister that death had been caused by ap-pendicitis. A ost-mortem examination showed an advanced stage of mortification about the appendix. Local physicians say that the disease in a child so young is almost unheard

Isaac Stanton, one of the foremost men of his time, is dead at Newburgh, N. Y. at the age of 88 years. He was born in Matteawan in 1813, and when a young man was bound an apprentice for seven years to Thomas Powell of steamboat fame, but who was then a cabinetmaker. He bought his time of Mr. Powell, went into the machine business and in after years, with such men as Edson H. Clark, Nicholas Wilson, J. H. Mallory, Col. Snow, Major Rains and others, under different firm names, conducted large machinery plants. During the Civil War his firm contracted to build one of the ninety-day gunboats and the contract ruined him financially. He married twice, his second wife being a sister of the first. He leaves a widow in her eighty-sixth year and four children, one of whom is Curtis Stanton, Superintendent of the Newburgh Water Works, and another, Harvey Stanton of New York.

Joseph Finnegan died at his home, 40 Van Sicklen avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday, aged 64 years. He was born in Ireland and came to this country in 1851. From 1887 to 1890 he was assistant superintendent of the Ridgewood water station, and from 1890 to 1895 he was superintendent of the station. He was smoking a cigar at the time he dropped dead. He is survived by two daughters, who teach in schools, and by a son who teach in schools, and by a son
Leopold Furstwangler, 76 years old, of
Greenburg, Pa., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles McTighe of Bay Twentynifth street and Bath avenue. Bensonhurst,
yesterday from exhaustion which was brought
on by the fatigue of a shopping trip in Manhattan on Saturday. Mr. Furstwangler was
a retired jeweler. He came to New York
to purchase holiday presents for the members
of his family.

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Dr. Edward A. Smith died at his home, 105 East Eighteenth street, yesterday morning. He was 7; vee sold and was a member of the Metropolitan. Union, Racquet and Players' clubs and of the Society of the Colonial Wars. His funeral will take place from Trinity Chartel in West Twenty-fifth street to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

John C. Weideman, head of the Weideman Company, wholesale strocers of Cleveland, Olijo, and President of the Forest City Savings Bank, died Sunday night of heart disease. Mr. Weideman was born in Wurtenburg, Germany, and emikrated to this country with his parents when he was 4 years old. He was a thirty-third degree Mason.

Mark W. Mahon, a prominent leather manu-

Mark W. Mahon, a prominent leather manufacturer in Xewark, died in that city yesterday morning of heart disease. He retired in good health at midnight and was found dead in his bed in the morning. He was born in Newark 58 years ago. A widow and three daughters survive him.

Frank H Steers, a brother of Police Magistrate Affred E Steers, died at his home, 1467. Bergen street, Brooklyn, on Sunday He was 33 years old and was engaged in the real estate business. A widow and three children survive him.

Centennial Celebra ion, Washington, D. C., Dec. 12. Special rate via Pennsylvania Hallroad of \$6.50 for round trip. Tickets sold and good going on Dec. 11 and returning until Dec. 14, inclusive.—Adv.

SANTA FE TRAINS LATE.

LINES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN DIVISION President Dolphin of the Striking Telegraphers Says They Have Virtually Won

Aiready, While the Ballroad People Profess to Be Satisfied With the Situation. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 10. Frains on the inif system of the Santa Fé were generally late to-day. On the Kansas City line the through train to Galveston was reported abandoned this morning, and a train made up at Purcell. I. T., came through on timecard schedule. The most interesting item of the day for business interests was the announcement that all the Atchison forces on the San Joaquin Valley division in California had gone out and the lines there were

A telegram from President Dolphin says the strike will be over in twenty-four hours. Local committees at Dallas declare that if the strike is not settled by the time indicated the trainmen on the Gulf division will join the operators and tie up everything.

St. Lotis, Mo., Dec. 10.—At the National Headouarters of the Order of Railway Telegraphers in this city, it is said that the operators have virtually won their strike on the Santa Fé system. On the other hand, General Manager Polk, of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fé, says that the situation on that line is better than it was on Saturday, all trains moving on time.

Out of fifty-one operators who left Chicago and Kansas City to take the places of the strikers, only twenty-five have reached Texas, and of these only two have consented to go to work. A telegram from President Dolphin says the

At the general offices it is believed the strike is practically over.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 10—General Manager Polk of the Sante Fé road was asked this morning about the status of the strike and the condition of the road.

"Everything is perfectly satisfactory," said Col. Polk. "Trains are running on time between all points except where the conditions are such they would have been tehind time under any circumstances. We have placed thirty-five new operators in the last twenty-four hours and have them so distributed that all trains receive regular orders."

THE FEDERATION OF LABOR. tion to Gompers-To Aid Postal Cierks.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 10.-An attempt commit the delegates at the convention of the Federation of Labor to socialistic views was defeated this morning by the adoption of a substitute for the report of the Committee on Resolutions favoring the initiative and referendum. The convention adopted unanimously a resolution recommending that Congress establish a school for the higher education of the blind. A resolution enlisting the support of the Federation in behalf of an eight-hour day for post office clerks was adopted when amended to include "all post office employes." The Federation unanimously adopted a

The Federation unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of municipal ownership of railways. A resolution which dealt with the sweat shop question and urged legislation toward its abolishment was favorably reported. The committee them moved the adoption of a substitute to compel the enforcement of the labor laws of New York. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Henry asked consent to introduce a resolution referring to the telegraphers' strike on the Southwestern railroad lines. It was granted. The resolution was adopted.

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The opposition of President Gompers was brought out more plainly this afternoon by the introduction of two resolutions which were plainly aimed at him. The first was introduced by Delegate Max Hayes, the well-known (leveland Socialist Democrat. It provided for the future election of officers by referendum vote. The other was introduced by Delegate M. D. Connally, providing that in future the President shall not be eligible for more than two terms. As Gompers has been elected for eighteen successive years and never by referendum vote the object of the resolutions is obvious. It is doubtful if the opposition is strong enough to win. doubtful if the opposition is strong enough

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Another resolution introduced urged the total repeal of the war tax on heer. The convention decided to place an allied label on all completed products of kindred trades.

The resolution of aid, financially and otherwise, to the International Association of Machinists in their prospective fight for a nine-hour day was adopted. The machinists will strike on May 18, 1901, unless the nine-hour day is granted. This will be an immense strike, if ordered

Non-Union Men and the Prevailing Rate of Wages.

The Pipe Caulkers and Tappers' Union. members of which are on strike on the Elm street section of the Rapid Transit Tunnel, street section of the Rapid Transit Tunnel, reported yesterday that the contractors have offered to employ 75 per cent of union men, but that the offer was rejected. The contractors are not bound to discriminate against union men so long as they pay the prevailing rate of wages. The International Association of Machinists allows union men to work alongside of non-union men when both are paid the union wages.

Big Scheme for Labor Consolidation. At next Sunday's meeting of the Central Labor Union, a proposition will be made to bring about the mutual recognition of cards by all central bodies. The promoters of this scheme will urge that the Central Federated Union, the American Federation of Labor, the Building Trades Council and the Metal Trades Conference be approached on the subject.

KID GLOVE PICKPOCKETS. Chased Up Fifth Avenue by a Woman They'd

Robbed -Her Second Experience.

For the second time in six months Mrs

Hattie Guggenheim of 1004 Madison avenue,

who is the wife of Adolf Guggenheim, a jeweller, had her pocketbook snatched out of her hand yesterday in the street. She was taking her mother to Central Park, through Seventy-eighth street, between Madison and Fifth avenues, about noon, when the pocketbook was snatched by one of two men who were walking behind the two women. The thief and his companion ran up Fifth avenue

were walking behind the two women. The thief and his companion ran up Fifth avenue and Mrs. Gugzenheim followed. Others took up her cry of "Stop thief!" and joined the chase, among them James Anderson, the negro butler of William V. Lawrence of 1989 Fifth avenue, who happened to be at the door of his employer's house and saw the theft. The man with the pocketbook saw that he had chosen an unlucky time to steal and stopped running a moment.

"Here's your pocketbook! Stop yelling!" he shouted to Mrs. Guggenheim, throwing it at her.

"It's not the pocketbook I want; it's you," repised his yietim, still running.

The thief and his pal sped on. They made toward Central Park, however, and at the Seventy-ninth street gate ran into the arms of Policemen O'Brien and Dolan. In the Yorkville police court they said they were Henry F. Hardy, a driver, and Arthur Brooks, a valet, living at 265 West Eleventh street. They wore kid gloves and patent leather shoes. M gi tr te Hog n held them in \$2,000 bail each for trial.

The last time Mrs. Guggenheim was robbed the thief escaped. She said she'd make sure this one didn't.

Judge Says Newspaper Comments While the

Case Was on Were Improper.

HELENA, Mon., Dec. 10 In the United States Court to-day Judge Knowles ordered a new trial in one of the most noted mining ses in the history of the "e t on the ground that the jury had been unduly influenced by articles appearing in a local paper at the time of the trial. The suit involved the Michael Devit claim in Butte, owned by the Boston and Montana Mining Company, and valued in the millions. The Montana Ore Purchasing Company asserted the right to mine underneath the surface of the claim

mine underneath the surface of the claim on the ground that the vein had its apex in the Pennsylvania and Johnston ciaims, both of which were owned he the defendant company. Most of the testimeny was by expert witnesses, among them being the most eminent mining experts in the world. Judge Knowles said in his decision. That these articles were written with the view of influencing in some way the determination of this cause is apparent. The publication thereof was commenced very soon after the commencement of the trial of the cause, and appeared in many issues of the paper until the trial was terminated, when they ceased.

"The power of the press to create and mould public sentiment is generally recognized and cannot be doubted. Public and private enterprise often resort to it for this purpose. The Independent was a leading paper at Heiena and possessed a large circulation in the community, where nearly all of the jurors in this case resided, pursued their avocation and conducted their business vent ires.

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"It cannot be doubted that public sentiment was created favorable to the defendant in this community by these articles, and experience has demonstrated that jurors are influenced much by the views of the community in which they reside. Some of the jurors acknowledged in their affidavits that they read some of these articles, but deny they were influenced by them, and one states he considered them advertisements. The fact as to whether or not the jurors read these articles could be established by their affidavits, but as to what influence these articles had upon their action as jurors could not be established."

HE DISTRUSTED NEW YORK HOTELS Mexican Who'd Been Here Before Begs a

Police Lodging and Takes Means to Get It Gabriel E. Nazzaro, a Mexican from Guadalajara, who said that he got to this city via Hoboken, yesterday, went to the East \$146 in his pocket and asked for a night's because he didn't want to be robbed. Neither did he want to be asphyxiated. Sergt. Delaney told him that the police couldn't where on the Bowery. The Mexican shuddered and then sho ed his roll of bills
"Oh, that's different," said the sergeant,
nd he told him to go somewhere on Broad-

may way.

But the Mexican only shuddered again and clutched the roll tighter. All New York hotels were alike to him, he said, after his experience of seventeen years ago, when he was here last. He went to the Bowery then. Somebody turned on the gas, or else he did, experience of seventeen years ago, when he was here last. He went to the Bowery then. Somebody turned on the gas, or else he did, he had forgotten which. It nearly killed him anyway and on top of that he was robbed. He would never go to a New York hotel again alive, he said, and he begged of the sergeant to suggest how he might stay at the station. "Well, there's disorderly conduct. That's the easiest thing," said Delaney.

The Mexican began to dance on the station floor and sing softly.

"That won't do," said the sergeant. "That's just ordinary insanity."

The Guadalajirian seemed discouraged and asked for advice. "Why not insult an officer?" asked Delaney, good naturedly. "Puerco," murmured the Mexican softly and almost apologetically.

"What's that?" asked Delaney, bristling up, just to carry out his end of it.

"Puerco, puerco," said Navarro, "A pig. You know a jig.

The indignant Pelaney rang for the doorman and teld him to conduct the trisoner to a cell. "avarro reached over the desk before going, shook the sergeant warmly by the hand and asked him to go to breakfast with him.

Juror trembling all over. "Just let me think a minute and I'll tell you where I live."

"Could you find your way home alone?" asked Mr. Levy and every one in the court room laughed as Solomon repiled:

"Why, yes sir, I—er—have for years to live at 1647—er—at 1647—but, indeed, I can't think what street it is now. I could find my way there though."

"Well, I guess you may be excused," broke in Judge Foster, and with a smile of delight Metzger hurried from the jury box, fairly scampered across the court room and into the corridor. Just outside the door he stopped, placed a finger and a thumb on his forehead and bowed his head in thought for several minutes. Finally, with a start that almost bowled over Abe, the 300-pound court officer he exclaimed: "Why, of course, 1647 Madison avenue!"

NO WRIT FOR CAPT. CARTER. Embezziing Army Officer Must Serve Out His Sentence.

St. Louis, Dec. 10 .- Judge Hook, with Judge Thayer concurring, denies the petition of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter for a writ of habeas corpus for his release from the Leavenworth corpus for his release from the Leavenworth Penitentiary. After going over the various charges against the prisoner, Judge Hook concludes that the sentence imposed may be usheld by the conviction under the fourth charge alone, embezzlement, since the punishment authorized by the si-ty-second article of war is left to the discretion of the court, subject to the review of the President. In conclusion, Judge Hook declared that in this case what was confirmed by the President is sufficient under the law to justify the punishment inflicted. This disposes of all the objections that merit consideration, he only recourse left to Cant. Carter's friends would be to take the case to the United States Court of Appeals on a writ of error.

Birthday Party for Twins 85 Years Old. GREENWICH, Conn. Dec. 10 - Isaac Wardwell and his twin sister were 85 years old today and had a birthday party. Both were as active and bright when receiving their relatives and friends as most people are at 60 Mr Wardwell saw and shook hands with Lafayette in 1824

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THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF CAPT. SHIELDS AND HIS LITTLE BAND.

One of the Captors Was Going to Cut His Hand Off in Order to Get at the Rings a Month With Death Threatening Them SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.-Capt, Dever-

eaux Shields of the Twenty-ninth Infantry, U.S. .., who returned to-day on the transport Hancock, has been invalided home, because of two wounds received in a fight with Filipinos. With fifty-two men he left Santa Cruz on the Island of Marinduque on Sept. 11 last to reconnoitre the island. They went twenty-four miles up the river and, after routing some Finipinos, started back 126th street police station last night with to Santa Cruz. They entered ambush in defile and were fired on by about 250 men with rilles, who were supported by about 2,000 with bolos. Their position was such that there was nothing to do but retreat and this was done under heavy fire for furnish lodgings and advised him to go some- four miles. The soldiers were protected by overhanging cliffs and received little pun-

by overhanging cliffs and received little punishment. Capt. Shields, in telling of the engagement, said:

When the hist fire came I received a ball through the shoulder and grew weak from loss or blood. After we had fought for about four miles another ball struck me in the neck and passed out of my mouth. I fell unconscious, but soon recovered and gave the order for the command to fight its way back to the station. I told them that, as I was nothing but impediment, to leave me with a man from the hospital corps and get out. I dropped behind a rice stack and told one of the men to raise the white flag. The insurrectos and not recognize the flag and continued to fire at us. The men fought their way back a short distance and were then surrounded and had to surrender or be killed.

"Atterward insurrectos came to me and one."

be killed.

"Atterward insurrectos came to me and one of them robbed me of all my things. He tore the chain and locket from my neck and tried to tear the rings from my fingers. My band was so swollen by the wound in my shoulder that he could not get them off and he was just going to cut off the hand when I made him understand that I could take rings off. After he had minished his robbing, another man came and was just going to shoot me when I saw a hand and arm come forward and knock up the goin. "Puerco, puerco," said Navarro, "A pig."
You know a jig."
The indignant l'elaney rang for the doorman and teld him to conduct the trisoner to a cell. 'avarro reached over the desk before going, shock the sergeant warmly by the hand and asked him to go to breakfast with him.

COURT OVERAWED HIM.

Talesman Suffering From Stage Fright Couldn't Remember Where He Lived.
Solomon Metzger, a butcher who was called as a talesman in General Sessions yesterday, was so overawed by the solemnity of Judge Foster's court that for fifteen minutes he could not remember where he lived. It was Metzger's first appearance as a juror and the fairly shook with stage fright when he took his seat in the jury box to act as a juror in the trial of Max Appel.

"Where do you live?" asked Assistant "Where do you live?" asked Assistant of the property of the property and would have done on the property and would have done on had the Americans reached us."

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1.142 BAD DREAMS.

They Are the Result of the Garrison Wreck, and Mrs. Acton Wants Damages.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 10 .- The wreck of the Montreal express at Garrison-on-the-Hudson on Oct. 24, 1897, was recalled to-day when the suits of Mary Acton and Joseph E. Acton, a bridal couple who were on the train, against the New York Central Railroad were tried before Supreme Court Justice Keogh and jury at White Plains. Mrs. Acton sued for \$15,000 damages for personal injuries and for \$360 for loss of her jewels. Her husband demanded \$2,000 damages and \$240 for ruined baggage. Mrs. Acton says the shock and exposure resulting from the accident have permanently ruined her health. Nightly she dreams of the wreck and has visions of the dead and dying passengers lying round her. The comp ny showed that the pl intiffs were riding on a pass and contended that it was not liable for damages. It was proved in rebuttal that the pass was a wedding gift from John Woodman of the freight department. The trial lasted all day and Judge Keogh ordered a sealed verdict to be brought in to-morrow. train, against the New York Central Railroad

The Weather.

The cold wave which spread over the country on Supday was felt yesterday in the Middle Atlantic and New England States. The crest of the cold was felt over northern New England and Canada. At Northfleid-Vt., the mercury touched 10 degrees below zero, at Montreal 12 below and at Quebec 16 below. It was from 6 to 10 below zero in the Dakotas and Minnesota. The line of freezing reached from the centre of Texas and southern Arkansas across Mississippi and the Tennessee Valley and ran off the coast at Virginia Heavy frost occurred in Louisians and South Carolina The centre of high pressure which brought on the cold wave was moving southeast into the Tennessee Valley, which means a milder temperature for this section after this morning and colder weather and prob

ably freezing temperature for Florida and the other theastern States this morning and to-morrow It was fair in all parts of the country yesterday save for light scattered snow around the Lake regions. In this city the day was colder and fair: lowest temperature 19 degrees at 8 o'clock A M.; wind brisk northwest average humidity 51 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at & A. M., 30 88; 3 P. M., 50.81. The temperature as recorded by the official ther

mometer, and also by THE SUN's thermometer at the street level, is shown in the annexed table: WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO

MORROW.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Serginia, eastern Pennsylvania. New Jersey and eastern New York, generally fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh west winds, becoming variable.

For New England, fair to-day and to-morrow, not so cold in north portion; fresh west to south winds. For western New York, fair to-day, except snowflurries near the lakes; fair to-morrow; variable winds. For western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, generally fair to-day and to-morrow, variable winds.

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JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The steamers Adirondack and Dean Richmond of the People's Line have discontinued their trips to Al-bany for the season

Hermann Binssell, who was tried in Special Sessions last week for violating the sanitary code by allowing showers of fur and disagreeable odors to escape from his fur factory at 42 West Ninety-ninth street, was fined \$25 yesterday.

Henry Mason or George Christian, the negro laborer arrested in the tunnel excavation on Saturday for a murder in Pittsburg, was identified yesterday as having shot down a wite man in that city who abused the blacks. He was remanded to await requisition

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